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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EC, US

SUBJECT: FURTHER ON GOE REACTION TO SECRETARY'S MARCH 1  
SPEECH

1. DEPT LEARNED LATE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 THAT GOE AMBASSA-  
DOR TO OAS, GALO LEORO, FORMALLY ASKED OAS SECRETARIAT  
TO CIRCULARIZE TO HIS COLLEAGUES COPIES OF GOE COMMUNIQUE  
OF MARCH 2 QUOTE REJECTING UNQUOTE ALLEGED ACCUSATIONS  
AGAINST ECUADOR BY SECRETARY. COMMUNIQUE DULY CIRCULATED.

2. DEPTOFF THIS MORNING, UNABLE TO REACH AMBASSADOR  
CARDENAS, RAISED MATTER WITH EC EMB DCM GABELA. WE  
ASKED IF GOE, CONTRARY TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HAD  
TRANSPIRED AS CONVEYED TO ASST SEC ROGERS BY CARDENAS  
AND TO AMBASSADOR BREWSTER BY A FONMIN VALDEZ, INTENDED  
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TO CONTINUE PUBLICIZING STATEMENT WE BELIEVED WAS MIS-

UNDERSTANDING BASED ON TENDENTIOUS NEWS TREATMENT OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS. SPECIFICALLY, WE WANTED TO KNOW IF GOE INTENDED TO PURSUE MATTER BY INJECTING COMMUNIQUE INTO NEXT WEEK'S IAECOSOC MEETING.

3. CARDENAS CALLED BACK THIS AFTERNOON SAYING HE HAD SPOKEN WITH LEORO. LATTER EXPLAINED HE WAS MERELY

COMPLYING WITH A MECHANICAL FORMULA UNDER WHICH PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF GOVERNMENTS ON TRA ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO AD HOC COMMITTEE CREATED BY OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL TO PREPARE SPECIAL REPORT ON TRADE BILL DEBATE IN OAS.

4. CARDENAS, REFERRING TO OUR QUESTIONS IN PARA 2, TWICE SAID GOE IS NOT INTRODUCING NEW ELEMENT, IS NOT INTRODUCING THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE INTO A NEW FORUM, AND DOES NOT INTEND TO PURSUE OR MAKE FURTHER ISSUE OF MATTER.

5. HE POINTED OUT LEORO CIRCULATED SUNDAY'S COMMUNIQUE ON MARCH 4, AT TIME WHEN CARDENAS WAS DISCUSSING ISSUE HERE IN DEPT WITH ASST SEC ROGERS AND BEFORE MEETING BETWEEN VAL8EZ AND AMB BREWSTER.

6. DEPTOFF THANKED AMBASSADOR FOR EXPLANATION AND EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE MARCH 2 COMMUNIQUE SOMETHING NOW BEHIND US. INGERSOLL

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